

Guest Speakers

Rod Planck is an avid birder and has been involved in the nature photography industry for over 25 years. His images have appeared in such magazines as Audubon, Sierra, Natural History, Backpacker, Birder's World, National and International Wildlife, and Ranger Rick, as well as numerous calendars and text-books. In addition, his photos have been included in many books including The Nature of



America, Birds of North America, The Spirit of the North, and Wild Michigan.

Joe Rogers grew up in a family that loved wild birds and was active in environmental issues, so it was natural for him to study wildlife biology in college and become a field biologist specializing in birds of prey. As director of the Wildlife Recovery Association in Shepherd, Michigan, Rogers—also known as The Bird Man—not only rescues sick or injured birds and returns them to the wild, but helps others understand and appreciate these beautiful creatures and their role in nature.



Scott Hickman earned his M.S. at Illinois State University studying tail keeling in the Common Grackle, and his Ph.D. at the University of Illinois at Chicago where he investigated competition and resource partitioning in ground foraging birds. He has been an active birder for over 30 years. Scott will present a slide show entitled "Bird Research on an Uninhabited Tropical Island". He will describe the joys and perils of spending two weeks conducting research on a 20 acre, cliff-edged rock covered with nesting seabirds in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Birding By the Bay sponsored by:

Hiawatha National Forest
Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore
Seney National Wildlife Refuge
Hiawatha Interpretive Association
Alger County Chamber of Commerce
Seney Natural History Association
Eastern National



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For more information regarding
registration or field trips, please contact:
The Alger Chamber of Commerce
906-387-2138 or visit
<http://midwest.fws.gov/seney/imbd.htm>

May 21-23, 2004

BIRDING
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Munising, Michigan





PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS



Birding By the Bay Main Presentations

Registration and Presentation: (Friday, May 21, 4– 10 p.m.) Pick up your festival packet when you come into town at the Alger Chamber of Commerce. Also available will be information about services and lodging in the Munising area. At 6:30 p.m. Scott Hickman kicks off the Festival with a slide show presentation at the Munising Credit Union.

Birding By the Bay Festival Booths and Activities: (Saturday, May 22: 1-5 p.m.) You won't want to miss the activities going on under the big tent outside the Chamber of Commerce: children's games and puppet shows, Joe Rogers' live raptor presentations every hour, beginners bird watching workshop, and more. Merchandise and souvenirs related to bird watching will be available for purchase.



Banquet and Keynote: (Saturday, May 22, 6:30-9 p.m.) Enjoy a hearty meal at a local favorite, Sydney's Restaurant. Following the meal, professional photographer, Rod Planck, will dazzle you with his bird and nature photography.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY INCLUDED TRIPS

Times Listed in Registration Brochure

Shorebirds: Tour beaches and dunes in the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore at Grand Marais, searching for Piping Plovers and other shorebird species.

Kirtland's Warbler Habitat: Explore jack pine habitat in the Hiawatha National Forest to try to catch a glimpse of the Kirtland's Warbler and other forest species.

Grassland & Boreal Birds: Travel to Seney National Wildlife Refuge to look for Sharptail grouse and other grassland species. Then experience boreal birding just north of Seney where such species as the Boreal Chickadee and Gray Jay might be found.

Wetland Birds: Seney National Wildlife Refuge has some of the most spectacular wetlands in the Upper Peninsula. Loon, Trumpeter Swans, and Bald Eagles are a common sight on this trip. Experience them from the comfort of a vehicle on this auto tour.

Warblers, Waterfalls, and Cliffs: Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore is famous for its cliffs and waterfalls. See some breathtaking scenery as you search for warblers in the Lakeshore's hardwood forest.

Field Species: Michigan State University Experimental Farm is a great place to view field species like Bobolinks, Hawks, and forest species like Scarlet Tanagers.

Beginning Birders: A must for anyone thinking about the bird watching hobby. An experienced birder will talk about how to get the most enjoyment from this spectator sport and lead you on a short trip along the Sand Point Marsh Trail at Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. Binoculars will be provided.

Wildflower Walk: (Saturday, May 22, 3:30-5 p.m.) Join former park ranger and avid naturalist, Fred Young to learn about the wildflowers in the area. Meet at the East End of Miners Beach

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

Peregrine Falcons: (\$20) Take a ferry to Grand Island National Recreation Area and travel up to the dramatic north shore. Look for a Peregrine Falcon nest perched on a cliff overlooking Lake Superior as well as other island species. Fee includes guide, ferry ride and transportation to the north shore. (*Space is limited so sign up early!*)

Canoeing the AuTrain: (\$25 per person or \$50 per family (up to 4) Spend the morning gliding down the AuTrain river as it meanders 10 miles to Lake Superior. Numerous sloughs along the watercourse harbor a large variety of wildlife including ducks, songbirds, Great Blue Herons, Kingfishers, muskrats and turtles. Fee covers canoe, all equipment, and guide.

Kayaking Adventure: (\$40 per person) *No experience necessary—ideal for families.* Join a guided kayak trip on Fish Lake at the head of the Indian River. Glide silently through calm waters past beaver dams and marsh land and look for eagles, ducks, herons, and a variety of other wildlife. Fee covers guide, kayak, all equipment, and lessons for beginners. (\$25 if you bring your own kayak and equipment.)



Note: For ALL Trips, we recommend that you come prepared for flies and mosquitoes. Bring your own drinking water and snacks, and dress for the weather.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration is **required** for all events except those that are listed as open to the public. Participant numbers are limited for field trips. Pre-registration is the best way to ensure you get your first pick of trips.

We ask that you please register by **May 1, 2004**, so that we have an accurate count of participants. Early registration fee is \$25.00 per adult. Children 12-18 are \$12.50. Children under 12 are free.



Registration entitles you to a continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, the banquet and keynote address on Saturday night, and most of the field trips. Some field trips require an extra fee.

After May 1st, you may still register as space allows. Late registration fee is \$35.00 per adult. (Children's fees remain the same)

Cancellation Policy:

- Trips will be held rain or shine, cold or hot. No refunds will be issued unless trips are cancelled by the trip leader for extreme weather conditions.
- If you need to cancel your registration, full refunds will be issued prior to May 1, 2004.
- No refunds will be issued after May 1st.

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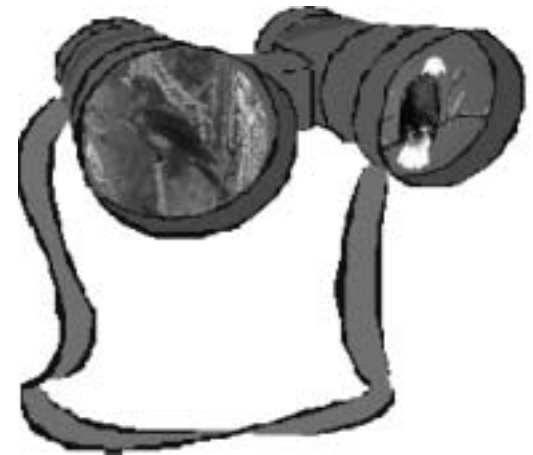
**Birding By the Bay Registration
Alger Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 405
Munising, MI 49862**

Please fold and tape before mailing.

BIRDING BY THE BAY Registration Form *May 21-23, 2004*

Please fill out this form completely. Be sure to indicate which activities you would like to attend. Couples or families may fill out one form as long as the activities are the same.

**EARLY REGISTRATION
IS DUE BY MAY 1, 2004**



Please see accompanying brochure for complete program descriptions.

Participant Names: _____

Address: _____

Please include at least one of the following, in case we need to contact you quickly.

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

**Make Your Check or Money Order
Payable to: National Park Service/
BBB Festival**
(At this time we are unable to accept credit cards)

Please indicate on this form which activities you would like to attend. Indicate if it is your first, second or third choice in case the event is already full. In addition to your registration fee, we ask that you pre-pay for your first choice activities (if a price is specified). If the event is full, you will receive a refund. You will be notified if we need additional fees for second and third choice activities.

Your name and address will not be given to anyone or used for any other purpose than the Birding by the Bay Festival.



FIELD TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES

Schedule is subject to change.



Time	Event	Location	Price	Check your choice		
FRIDAY 4 p.m. - 10 p.m.	REGISTRATION at the Alger Chamber of Commerce Pick up your Festival Packet					
FRIDAY 630 p.m. - 8 p.m.	Slideshow with Scott Hickman	Munising Credit Union	Open to Public			
SATURDAY, MAY 22				Choose: 1ST 2ND 3RD		
600 a.m. - 1130 a.m.	Grassland and Boreal Birds	Seney NWR	Included			
700 a.m. - 1130 a.m.	Kirtland's Warbler	HNF	Included			
700 a.m. - 1130 a.m.	Canoeing and Birding the AuTrain River	AuTrain	\$25 Single \$50			
700 a.m. - 1130 a.m.	Warblers, Waterfalls, and Cliffs	PRNL	Included			
700 a.m. - 1130 a.m.	Field species (bobolinks and tanagers)	MSU Farm	Included			
100 p.m. - 500 p.m.	Birding by The Bay Fair - open to the public Booths, Workshops and Children's Activities					
230 p.m. - 500 p.m.	Beginning Birders- Marsh Walk	PRNL	Open to public (binoculars provided)			
330 p.m. - 500 p.m.	Fred Young- Wildflower Walk	PRNL	Included			
630 p.m.	Banquet	Sydney's	Included			
730 p.m.	Keynote- Rod Planck	Sydney's	Included			

SUNDAY, MAY 23

Choose:
1ST 2ND

7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Peregrine Falcons	Grand Island NRA	\$20		
7:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Kirtland's Warbler Habitat	HNF	Included		
7:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Wetland Birds- Auto tour (binoculars provided)	Seney NWR	Included		
7:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Warblers, Waterfalls, and Cliffs	PRNL	Included		
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 a.m.	Piping Plovers and shorebirds	PRNL	Included		
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Kayak Adventure (no experience necessary)	Fish Lake and Indian River	\$40		

PRNL= Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore
HNF= Hiawatha National Forest
Seney NWR= Seney National Wildlife Refuge
MSU= Michigan State University



**Make sure your check or money
order is enclosed, seal the sides of
the form and drop in your local post
office box.**

**You will receive a
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notice in a few
weeks.**

